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SUBJECT: INDIA INTERESTED IN ANTI-PIRACY CONTACT GROUP --
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11. (SBU) In a conversation with Polcouns on December 11, Ministry of External Affairs Joint Secretary UN-Political Asith Bhattacharjee conveyed India's keen interest in joining the Contact Group (CG) to combat piracy off the Horn of Africa. However, J/S Bhattacharjee informally noted that the GOI is focused on the judicial arrangements aspect of the proposal, with specific reference to the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation (SAU Convention).

12. (SBU) J/S Bhattacharjee commented that some potential CG members states are not signators to the SAU Convention and this may preclude their participation. He proposed the addition of language that could remedy the problem: "member states that have ratified the SAU Convention" or "as applicable to member states." J/S Bhattacharjee said that this small amendment would "allow everyone to come aboard," India included, even if the countries have not ratified the SAU Convention.

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